

C³ -- It is further desirable to improve the mechanism that controls the flow of ink from the container into the reservoir. Also, it is further desirable to prevent ink flow from the container when not mounted on the reservoir. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C⁴ -- It is yet further desirable to avoid the need for having the container take the form of a bottle with a neck enclosing a spring and a portion of the valve mechanism, and to avoid a valve with an actuating surface exposed that is required to contact a stationary actuator within an ink reservoir.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C⁵ -- It is yet further desirable to avoid misalignment between a stationary actuator of a reservoir and a concave actuating surface of a valve, as well as avoid interference with the ink supply and ink leakage during the removal of a partially filled ink container because the valve does not close immediately during container removal. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-20 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 21-29, as follows:

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21. (New) A replaceable ink container assembly for use in an ink jet printer, the ink container assembly comprising:
a container configured to hold ink;
a first coupling component of a duplex coupler formed to the container; and
wherein the first coupling component is configured to mate with a complimentary second coupling component of a reservoir of the ink jet printer, so as to mitigate leakage of ink.